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Accordingly, we enclose herewith a copy of the patent application and figures as filed in the Patent Office, and a declaration for signing by all of the named inventors. Please read the enclosed materials and sign and date the declaration at the space indicated on page 6.

The enclosed declaration document should be signed and dated immediately, and returned to Morgan & Finnegan, LLP by return Federal Express delivery. For your convenience, we have provided a self-addressed return Federal Express envelope for your use in sending us the completed declaration document.

We will call you to ensure that you have received the application and declaration papers. We will expect to receive the signed and dated declaration within five (5) days after you have received it. Your prompt response is appreciated.

If you should have any questions concerning our request, or concerning any of the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to call me at the above-listed direct-dial telephone number. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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This is further to our letter of February 14, 2001 in which we provided you with (i) copies of the above-referenced patent applications, for which you are a named co-inventor and which have been filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and (ii) a declaration to be signed and dated by you for each of the applications. At this time,

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we enclose two (2) Assignment documents to be signed and dated for the two referenced patent applications. If possible, the Assignments should be executed in the presence of a Notary Public.

As for the declarations for these applications, we have enclosed herewith a self-addressed Federal Express Envelope for your use in returning the completed Assignment documents to us.

You may sign the declaration and Assignment documents for each of the applications on the same day. Please do not sign the Assignment document prior to signing the declaration document for each of the applications.

As before, we will expect to receive the signed and dated Assignment within five (5) business days after you have received it. Your prompt response is appreciated.

If you should have any questions concerning our request, or concerning any of the materials that we have sent to you to date, you are requested to call me at the above-listed direct-dial telephone number. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Serial No. 09/627,937; Filed: July 28, 2000
**NOVEL HUMAN GENES RELATED TO RESPIRATORY
DISEASES AND OBESITY**
Our Reference: 2976-4036; GTC Reference: HUM00-22

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**NOVEL HUMAN GENES RELATED TO RESPIRATORY
DISEASES AND OBESITY**
Our Reference: 2976-4037; GTC Reference: HUM00-23

Dear Dr. Pandit:

This is in reference to our letters of February 14, 2001 and February 26, 2001 and to our repeated telephone calls and messages of February 15, February 19, February 20, February 27, and March 2, 2001 in connection with the declaration and

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assignment documents sent to you for signing for the above-referenced patent applications, which were also sent to you.

This letter serves to confirm that in view of your non-responsiveness to our letters and telephone calls, you will not sign the declarations and assignments for these patent applications filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 28, 2001.

Sincerely,



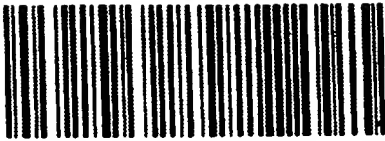
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